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FROM: AA/Director

SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF) and Delaware North Companies Parks and Resorts (DNCP&R) are sponsoring the upcoming U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on April 30-May 1, 2004. The Induction Gala, hosted by ASF, will be held at the Apollo Saturn V Center on Friday, April 30, 2004, and consists of a reception, dinner, and program featuring the new inductees. On Saturday, May 1, 2004, ASF and DNCP&R will jointly host the Induction Ceremony at the KSC Visitor Complex. A post-induction reception will follow the ceremony. Approximately 30,000 people have been invited to the festivities. These guests include corporate executives, teachers, senior managers of aerospace contractors, industry, space coast tourism and community leaders, other space enthusiasts, and representatives of Federal, state and local government.

This event is a "widely attended gathering." In accordance with 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g), Widely Attended Gatherings and Other Events, and 14 C.F.R. §1207.103, Designation of Responsible Officials, I have determined it is in the Government's best interest for those NASA employees who are invited to this event to attend in their official capacity as representatives of NASA. NASA's ongoing interest in the dissemination of information concerning its activities outweighs the concern that free attendance at this event may, or may appear to, improperly influence any NASA personnel in the performance of their official duties. Accordingly, NASA invitees may attend this event.

James W. Kennedy
Agency Designee

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